

TRIBUTE TO FRIEDY B. HEISLER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who continually worked to nurture and to heal, not only the human body but the human spirit and soul as well. Dr. Friedy B. Heisler passed away last July in her Carmel Highlands home.

Born, Sept. 16, 1900, in Switzerland, she graduated from the College of Neuchatel before immigrating to Chicago in 1924. Studying at the University of Illinois Medical School, Dr. Heisler finished her medical residency in psychiatry before opening a private practice in Chicago.

Upon meeting her husband Francis, a civil rights and trade union attorney, Dr. Heisler moved to Carmel Highlands in 1948. She soon became active in the local mental health field, establishing again a private practice which continued until 1984. During this period she served as a mental health consultant to Carmel Unified School District and as an instructor in the Extension Division of the University of California at Berkeley and at Santa Cruz. Dr. Heisler was active in numerous psychiatric and mental health congresses, and she visited mental health institutions. Her vast memberships include: the American Medical Association, International Mental Health Association, Monterey County Mental Health Society, Northern California Mental Health Society, and Mid-Central Coast of Northern California Psychiatric Association. She was honored as a life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association in 1993. Dr. Heisler was instrumental in the founding of the psychiatric department of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where she was a former chairman.

Dr. Heisler was truly a woman of impressive stature. Her involvement in mental health and well being was substantial, as was her love for her family and friends. It is at this time that I recognize Friedy B. Heisler's accomplishments and her involvement. She will be missed by the many people she touched during her lifetime.

CUBA'S POLITICAL PRISONERS

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, as Jose Marti, the Cuban patriot said: "The sufferings endured for the sake of winning freedom make us love it the more." Dr. Eugenio De Sosa probably knows more than most of us about that love for freedom and what it is like to live without it. Eugenio De Sosa, now in his seventies, was a successful businessman in a pre-Castro Cuba. Educated in the University of Havana, he earned his degree in diplomatic and consular law and became Editor and board member of the daily newspaper, *Diario de la Marina*, the oldest and one of the most prominent of Latin American publications.

In December of 1959, Dr. De Sosa's life was changed forever. He was arrested by Castro's forces for conspiring against the regime and was forced to serve a prison term of 21 years in Cuba's gulags. The torment endured by Dr. De Sosa during his prison term included routine beatings and torture, both physical and psychological. Eventually he was transferred to the Havana's Psychiatric Hospital where, along with other political prisoners, he was forced to live among the violently insane. In addition to being subjected to the brutality of the guards and deranged prisoners, he was forced to ingest psychotropic drugs and endure electroshock treatments at the hands of Castro's thugs.

After 21 years of suffering through what seemed to be an endless nightmare, this courageous Cuban compatriot was set free. Dr. De Sosa arrived in the United States on January 18, 1980. He has enjoyed tremendous success since his arrival in Miami and is a source of pride to his family and community. Dr. De Sosa's story is but one of the thousands of examples of those whose lives have been scarred and torn apart by the last tyrannical dictator left in the Western Hemisphere, Fidel Castro. Let his story be an example of the strength of the human spirit, of the fragility of freedom and of the hope of millions of Cubans living under Castro's brutal regime to one day be free.

TRIBUTE TO ROSEMARY COLLINS

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Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who devoted herself to the people of her community. Rosemary Collins spent her life serving Santa Cruz and her family. She was known throughout the community as loving and kind to all those around her.

Mrs. Collins was active in many organizations, including the Holy Cross Church which was graced by her ability to sing in many of the church events and running the monthly hot lunch program at Good Shepard School.

Rosemary Collins loved children, and children loved her. She was always willing to help a child in need of a hug or just conversation. She worked as a teachers aide and secretary at Soquel Elementary for 28 years, where she helped children with learning difficulties. Her eleven grandchildren brought her great joy in this world along with the many nieces and nephews she read to. Rosemary often said, grandchildren were God's greatest invention, and a hug from a grandchild was what life was all about.

Rosemary Collins is an example for all of us. She was the past president of the California School Employees Association as well as past president of the Young Ladies Institute, a co-founder of the 18-29er Catholic young People's Group of Holy Cross Parish. Her commitment to these organizations, and her time spent on activities of the groups helped keep community spirit alive. She was also a member of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Capitola, and a volunteer for the Santa Cruz county elections department.

Mrs. Collins will be missed by many. She was a model citizen for the community. Rosemary Collins made the lives of our children better and will be dearly missed. Our hearts go out to her family.